

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
WESTERN DIVISION**

THOMAS R. McLEAN, M.D. et al.,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 20-0593-CV-W-BP
	)	
MARGARET BRUCE, as Personal	)	
Representative for the Estate of Jeffrey	)	
Bruce,	)	
Defendant.	)	

**ORDER (1) DENYING PENDING MOTIONS AND**  
**(2) SETTING DEADLINES AND A DATE FOR TRIAL**

The parties have filed competing proposals for a schedule in this case. Plaintiff has also filed three motions seeking to prohibit the reopening of various deadlines. Based on its familiarity with the history of this case, and after considering the parties' filings on the matter, the three motions, (Doc. 239, Doc. 240, and Doc. 241), are **DENIED** and the Court sets the following schedule:

1. TRIAL SETTING. This case is scheduled for a jury trial, 5 days, commencing at 8:30 a.m., on January 29, 2024, at the United States District Courthouse in Kansas City, Missouri.
2. TELECONFERENCE. A teleconference is set at 10:00 a.m. on December 28, 2023, to discuss the progress of the case and possible court ordered mediation. Parties shall call in by dialing (877) 336-1839, and enter access code 4259420.
3. PRETRIAL CONFERENCE. A final pretrial conference in this case will be held at 10:00 a.m., on January 19, 2024, at the United States District Courthouse in Kansas City, Missouri.

4. DISCOVERY DEADLINE. All pretrial discovery authorized by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure shall be completed on or before July 3, 2023. This means that all discovery shall be completed, not simply submitted, on the date specified by this paragraph.

The Court will not entertain any discovery motion absent full compliance with Local Rule 37.1. In the event that a teleconference is needed, email your request to my judicial assistant at [annette\\_cordell@mow.uscourts.gov](mailto:annette_cordell@mow.uscourts.gov). A memorandum of the discovery dispute, not to exceed one page in length, should be electronically submitted by each party no later than forty-eight hours prior to the teleconference.

Prior to bringing any discovery dispute before the Court, the parties are reminded to consult the Principles for the Discovery of Electronically Stored Information available on the Court's website under "Local Rules, ESI Principles, Procedures & Fees."

5. EXPERT DESIGNATION DEADLINES. The parties shall have until and including June 2, 2023, to designate any expert witnesses they intend to call at trial. This paragraph applies to all witnesses retained or non-retained from whom expert opinions will be elicited at trial.

Along with each party's designation of expert witnesses, each party shall provide the other parties with a report, pursuant to Rule 26(a)(2)(B), Fed. R. Civ. P., from each expert witness designated. Expert witnesses may testify only as to matters contained in the report described above unless leave of Court is granted upon good cause shown.

With respect to treating physicians, coroners and like professionals not retained to testify for a party, the report requirements of this Order may be satisfied by providing a copy of all the treating physician's files, records and notes relating to the treating physician's patient to the opposing party. For the purpose of this paragraph, a "treating physician" is a doctor (including psychiatrist, dentist or other practitioner of the healing arts) retained by a party prior to retaining

counsel in this matter. A treating physician will not be allowed to give expert testimony beyond the treatment provided by said physician unless designated as an expert. A treating physician who will provide expert testimony beyond the treatment provided by said physician must further comply with the requirements of this Order.

6. **DISPOSITIVE MOTION DEADLINE.** All dispositive motions, except those under Rule 12(h)(2) or (3), shall be filed on or before August 3, 2023. All dispositive motions shall have a separate section wherein each statement of fact is individually numbered so that any party opposing such motion may refer specifically to a genuine issue of material fact. Suggestions in opposition to a dispositive motion shall begin with a concise listing of material facts as to which the party contends a genuine dispute exists. All motions for summary judgment shall comply with Local Rules 7.0 and 56.1.

7. **PRETRIAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENT DEADLINES.** The documents listed in this section shall be filed prior to the pretrial conference.

- a. Motions in Limine. Motions in limine shall be filed at least ten (10) business days prior to the pretrial conference. Responses to motions in limine shall be filed at least three (3) business days prior to the pretrial conference.
- b. Stipulation of Uncontroverted Facts. At least three (3) business days prior to the date the pretrial conference is to be held, the parties shall file a stipulation of any uncontroverted facts. If no stipulated facts can be agreed upon, including facts related to the Court's subject matter jurisdiction, the parties shall file a joint statement to that effect.
- c. Witness List. At least five (5) business days prior to the date the pretrial conference is to be held, each party shall file and serve a list of all witnesses who may be called to testify at trial. If a witness is not listed by a party, that witness will not be permitted to testify absent leave of Court and then only for the purpose of unanticipated rebuttal or impeachment.
- d. Exhibit List. At least five (5) business days prior to the date the pretrial conference is to be held, each party will file and serve a list of all exhibits which may be offered at trial. If an exhibit is not listed by a party, that

exhibit will not be admitted absent leave of Court. Please use the form Exhibit Index listed on the Court's website.

- e. Stipulation as to the Admissibility of Evidence. At least three (3) business days before the pretrial conference, the parties shall file a stipulation as to the admissibility of evidence, when the identification and foundation of the exhibit is not to be contested.
- f. Designation of Deposition Testimony. Fifteen (15) business days before the pretrial conference, each party shall file and serve a designation, by page and line number, of any deposition testimony to be offered in evidence by that party.<sup>1</sup>
- g. Objections to Designated Deposition Testimony and Counter Designation. At least ten (10) business days prior to the pretrial conference, each party shall file and serve:
  - 1. Any objections to proposed deposition testimony designated by any other party; and
  - 2. A designation, by page and line number, of any deposition testimony to be offered as counter-designation to deposition testimony designated by other parties.
- h. Submission of Deposition Designations. Seven (7) business days prior to the pretrial conference, each party shall file, serve, and deliver to all other parties and the Court, its objections to any deposition testimony designated pursuant to subparagraphs g. 1. and 2. above.

The Court should receive deposition designations in the following manner:

- 1. The parties are to jointly submit one copy of each designated deposition.
- 2. Each party is to highlight the portion of the deposition they want to designate, including counter-designations.
- 3. Each party should also indicate their objections on the actual deposition by bracketing those portions in the margin of the deposition.
- 4. Each party should submit to the Court a Word version document of the Objections to Deposition Designations that you filed in

---

<sup>1</sup> The Court does not permit a party to introduce into evidence the deposition testimony of an individual who provides in person testimony at trial. See *Dhyne v. Meiners Thriftway, Inc.*, 184 F.3d 983, 989-90 (8th Cir. 1999); *Maddox v. Patterson*, 905 F.2d 1178, 1180-81 (8th Cir. 1990); *Crimm v. Missouri Pac. R. Co.*, 750 F.3d 703, 709 (8th Cir. 1984).

CM/ECF. Send that via email to my judicial assistant at annette\_cordell@mow.uscourts.gov.

- i. Jury Instructions. Three (3) business days prior to the pretrial conference, the parties shall jointly file an annotated (with sources) set of proposed jury instructions. Proposed instructions shall reflect the authorities upon which the instruction is based and should be taken from or drawn in the manner of *Model Civil Jury Instructions for the District of Courts of the Eighth Circuit* and/or *Missouri Approved Instructions* (MAI) where available and appropriate. All instructions shall be designated as Instruction No. \_\_\_\_.

The Court prefers to receive joint instructions from the parties. Separate instructions are appropriate only when the parties cannot agree upon a specific instruction. In that instance, the parties shall jointly submit the instructions upon which they agree. Each party shall submit its proposed version of the instructions upon which the parties do not agree, along with a written objection to the other party's version.

The instructions should also be submitted to the Court electronically, in a Word document. Send the instructions via email to my judicial assistant at annette\_cordell@mow.uscourts.gov.

- j. Trial Brief. At least five (5) business days prior to the pretrial conference, counsel for each party may file a trial brief stating the factual and legal contentions in the case.
- k. Voir Dire Questions. At least five (5) business days prior to the pretrial conference, counsel for each party shall file a list of questions or topics for voir dire. Objections to opposing party's voir dire questions shall be filed at least three (3) business days prior to the pretrial conference.

At the pretrial conference, the Court will discuss the manner in which voir dire will be conducted. In appropriate cases, the court will permit counsel for the parties to conduct questioning of the panel members. However, questions will be limited to those filed with the court, and the court will limit the amount of time each party will be permitted to conduct questioning.

8. SETTLEMENT DEADLINE. Unless otherwise ordered, the court hereby imposes a settlement deadline of 12:00 Noon on the business day before trial. If the case is settled after that date, the court may enter an order to show cause why certain costs should not be imposed on the party or parties causing the delay in settlement.

9. COURTROOM EQUIPMENT. If any party wants to use the audio/visual courtroom equipment it is important that they contact the Court's IT department (816-512-5740) for training.

Parties must notify the Court two days prior to the Pretrial Conference and one week prior to the Trial for any audio/visual use.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATE: April 26, 2023

/s/ Beth Phillips  
BETH PHILLIPS, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT